

## COVID-19 and the Courts An update from Chief Justice Minton

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## **Update for December 22, 2020**

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule in Kentucky**

At 9 a.m. today, I joined Gov. Andy Beshear, First Lady Britainy Beshear, Senate President Robert Stivers, Speaker of the House David Osborne, Public Health Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack and Executive Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Gov. Beshear asked us to get vaccinated to ensure the continuity of the three levels of state government. His request was based on a recommendation by Dr. Stack and the Centers for Disease Control.

I appreciate this opportunity while recognizing it is a privilege most Americans don't yet have. I've already begun advocating for court officials and employees to get the vaccine as soon as you're eligible based on the federal distribution schedule. As essential workers who have frequent contact with the public, we want to ensure your safety as you conduct the important business of the courts.



The Kentucky Department for Public Health has given us regular updates on how the vaccine will be distributed in Kentucky. As we learn more about when certain groups will become eligible, I'll pass that information along to you. And when your turn comes to be vaccinated, I hope you'll take the opportunity to protect yourself.

In the meantime, you can get the latest news on COVID-19 vaccines and their distribution by visiting <u>Kentucky's vaccine webpage</u> or calling Kentucky's 24-hour hotline at 800-722-5725.

The fact that we're discussing how to distribute a COVID-19 vaccine is tremendous news after a long and difficult year. It's the best possible outcome and I encourage you to stay safe and stay the course until you can get vaccinated. We've come too far together to ease up now. Please continue to wear a mask, socially distance, and follow CDC and state guidelines as we work to end this extraordinary public health crisis.

I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



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